

Agreed to make a technical correction to the bill.

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Rejected the DeFazio motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure with instructions to report the bill back to the House promptly with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 199 yeas to 218 nays, Roll No. 480.

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H. Res. 807, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to the same day consideration of certain resolutions reported by the Rules Committee, was agreed to by voice vote.

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H. Res. 811, providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote.

Pages H7869–74

Marriage Protection Amendment: The House failed to pass H.J. Res. 106, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to marriage, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 227 yeas to 186 nays, Roll No. 484.

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H. Res. 801, the rule providing for consideration of the resolution was agreed to by voice vote.

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Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated yesterday, September 29:

Reauthorizing the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant program: H.R. 5149, to reauthorize the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant program through March 31, 2005, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 416 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 482;

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Department of Veterans Affairs Nurse Recruitment and Retention Act of 2004: H.R. 4231, amended, to provide for a pilot program in the Department of Veterans Affairs to improve recruitment and retention of nurses, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 411 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 483;

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Honoring the life and work of Duke Ellington: H. Con. Res. 501, honoring the life and work of Duke Ellington, recognizing the 30th anniversary of the Duke Ellington School of the Arts, congratulating Blue Note records on its 65th anniversary and Down Beat Magazine on its 70th anniversary, and supporting the annual Duke Ellington Jazz Festival, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 391 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 485; and

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Honoring the United Negro College Fund on the occasion of the Fund's 60th anniversary: H. Res. 792, honoring the United Negro College Fund on the occasion of the Fund's 60th anniversary, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 386 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 486.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, October 4 for Morning Hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, October 6.

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Discharge Petition: Representative Edwards moved to discharge the Committee on Rules from consideration of H. Res. 773, providing for the consideration of H.R. 4628, to protect consumers in managed care plans and other health coverage (Discharge Petition No. 13).

Senate Message: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H7865, H7868, H7939.

Senate Referrals: S. 1601 was referred to the Committees on Resources and the Judiciary; S. 2639 and S. 2436 were referred to the Committee on Education & the Workforce; and S. Con. Res. 110 was referred to the Committee on International Relations.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Six yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today. There were no quorum calls.

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Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Committee Meetings

SPECIALTY CROPS COMPETITIVENESS ACT; U.S. NATIONAL ARBORETUM APPRECIATION ACT

Committee on Agriculture: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 3242, Specialty Crops Competitiveness Act of 2003; and H.R. 5120, U.S. National Arboretum Appreciation Act of 2004.

SECRET BALLOT PROTECTION ACT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations held a hearing on H.R. 4343, Secret Ballot Protection Act of 2004. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Ordered reported the following measures: S. 551, Southern Ute and Colorado Intergovernmental Agreement Implementation Act of 2003; H.R. 4667, Tapoco Project Licensing Act of 2004; H.R. 918, amended, Patient Navigator, Outreach, and Chronic Disease Prevention Act of 2003; H.R. 3051, amended, National All Schedules Prescription Electronic Reporting Act of 2003; H.R. 3858, Pancreatic Islet Cell Transplantation Act of 2004; H. Res. 567, Congratulating the American

Dental Association for sponsoring the second annual "Give Kids a Smile" program which emphasizes the need to improve access to dental care for children, and thanking dentists for volunteering their time to help provide needed dental care; H. Con. Res. 250, Recognizing community organization of public access defibrillation programs; H.R. 2699, amended, National Uniformity for Food Act of 2003; and H. Con. Res. 34, Expressing the sense of the Congress that private health insurance companies should take a proactive role in promoting healthy lifestyles.

The Committee also reported adversely H. Res. 776, Of inquiry requesting the President and directing the Secretary of Health and Human Services provide certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to estimates and analyses of the cost of the Medicare prescription drug legislation.

CONTROLLING BIOTERROR

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials held a hearing entitled "Controlling Bioterror: Assessing Our Nation's Drinking Water Security." Testimony was heard from Benjamin Grumbles, Acting Assistant Administrator, Water, EPA; and John B. Stephenson, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO.

COMBATING INTERNATIONAL TERRORIST FINANCING

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade, and Technology and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a joint hearing entitled "Combating International Terrorist Financing." Testimony was heard from John Zarate, Assistant Secretary, Terrorist Financing, Department of the Treasury; and E. Anthony Wayne, Assistant Secretary, Economic and Business Affairs, Department of State.

"HOW CAN WE MAXIMIZE PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION IN TRANSPORTATION?"

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Natural Resources and Regulatory Affairs held a hearing entitled "How Can We Maximize Private Sector Participation in Transportation?—Part II" Testimony was heard from Jennifer L. Dorn, Administrator, FTA, Department of Transportation; Dan Tangherlini, Director, Department of Transportation, District of Columbia; and public witnesses.

HHS FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Efficiency and Financial Management held an oversight hearing entitled "Financial Man-

agement at the Department of Health and Human Services." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GAO: Jeffrey C. Steinhoff, Managing Director, Financial Management and Assurance; and Keith A. Rhodes, Chief Technologist, Center for Technology and Engineering; and Kerry N. Weems, Acting Assistant Secretary, Budget, Information, and Finance, Department of Health and Human Services.

COMPREHENSIVE PEACE IN SUDAN ACT

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Africa approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 5061, Comprehensive Peace in Sudan Act.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 4306, amended, To amend section 274A of the Immigration and Nationality Act to improve the process for verifying an individual's eligibility for employment; S. 1194, amended, Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act of 2003; H.R. 3143, amended, International Consumer Protection Act of 2003; H.R. 4264, amended, Animal Fighting Prohibition Enforcement Act of 2004; H.R. 775, Security and Fairness Enhancement for America Act of 2003; and H.R. 4453, amended, Access to Rural Physicians Improvement Act of 2004.

WEATHER AND OCEANS RESOURCES REALIGNMENT ACT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans held a hearing on H.R. 4368, To transfer the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to the Department of the Interior. Testimony was heard from Timothy R. E. Keeney, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Oceans and Atmosphere, NOAA, Department of Commerce; Andrew A. Rosenberg, member, U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy; and public witnesses.

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION EXTENSION ACT OF 2004, PART V

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule providing 1 hour of debate in the House on H.R. 5183, Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2004, Part V, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit. Testimony was heard from Representative Petri.

CLEAN WATER ACT—CITIZEN SUIT PROVISIONS BEING MISUSED

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, oversight hearing entitled “Are Citizen Suit Provisions of the Clean Water Act Being Misused?” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

IMPROVE DISABILITY PROCESS—SOCIAL SECURITY PROPOSAL

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security and the Subcommittee on Human Resource held a joint hearing on the Commissioner of Social Security’s Proposal to Improve the Disability Process. Testimony was heard from Representative McIntyre; Jo Anne B. Barnhart, Commissioner, SSA; Hal Daub, Chairman, Social Security Advisory Board; and public witnesses.

DISRUPTING TERRORIST TRAVEL

Select Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Infrastructure and Border Security and the Subcommittee on Intelligence and Counterterrorism held a joint hearing entitled “Disrupting Terrorist Travel: Safeguarding America’s Borders Through Information Sharing. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: LTG Patrick Hughes, USAF (Ret.), Assistant Secretary, Information Analysis; and C. Stewart

Verdery, Jr., Assistant Secretary, Border and Transportation Security Policy and Planning; and a public witness.

Joint Meetings

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

Conferees on Wednesday, September 29, 2004, met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 4200, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2005 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to the call.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,
OCTOBER 1, 2004**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.